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**U.S. SEEKS EXTRADITION OF TRAVEL COMPANY PRESIDENT  
WHO ALLEGEDLY HID INCOME IN FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNT**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that the United States is seeking the extradition of RICHARD C. MASEFIELD ("MASEFIELD"), the former President of Trafalgar Tours, U.S.A., an international tour company based in Manhattan, based on MASEFIELD's involvement in a conspiracy to hide from the Internal Revenue Service hundreds of thousands of dollars in secret compensation paid to him through a Channel Islands bank account.

According to a five-count Complaint that was unsealed in White Plains federal court today, MASEFIELD served as Vice President, and then President, of Trafalgar Tours, U.S.A. ("TT-USA") between 1993 and 1997, and thereafter (from 1997-2001) operated a TT-USA-related company located in Florida. According to the Complaint and other court documents, TT-USA is a subsidiary of Trafalgar Tours International, the international travel and tour company that was owned and controlled by Stanley S. Tollman. During

the period 1993-2000, MASEFIELD, a citizen of New Zealand, was a permanent resident of the United States and thus required to report to the IRS all of his worldwide income.

According to the Complaint, MASEFIELD and other employees of TT-USA, as well as its owners, were paid "secret compensation," that is, compensation that, in violation of the criminal internal revenue laws, was willfully not reported to the IRS by either TT-USA or the employees, including MASEFIELD.

Also according to the Complaint, MASEFIELD received his secret compensation through a bank account located at the Royal Bank of Canada, in Guernsey, the Channel Islands. Thereafter, in order to get access to his funds in Guernsey, MASEFIELD corresponded with a financial manager there who, upon request, caused funds to be withdrawn from MASEFIELD's account at Royal Bank of Canada. Those withdrawals were then used, according to the Complaint, to pay for personal expenses of MASEFIELD in the United States, including expenses at a marina in Norwalk, Connecticut. According to the Complaint, between 1993 and 2000, MASEFIELD received in excess of \$370,000 in secret income through his Channel Islands account, all of which he omitted from income tax returns he filed, under penalty of perjury, with the IRS.

According to the Complaint, the information relating to MASEFIELD's Channel Islands account was discovered in 2002, after the IRS learned of Stanley S. Tollman's control of certain accounts there. MASEFIELD left the United States for Australia after the IRS

obtained the records relating to Stanley S. Tollman.

According to Court records, Stanley S. Tollman, together with his son, Brett G. Tollman, was indicted on bank fraud and tax fraud charges in 2002 in the Southern District of New York. The Indictment against both Stanley and Brett Tollman, which is pending, charge them with conspiring to hide over \$35,000,000 in unreported income in secret Channel Islands bank accounts held in corporate names. Stanley S. Tollman is currently a fugitive on those charges.

MASEFIELD was arrested by Australian authorities today pursuant to an extradition request made by the United States.

Mr. COMEY praised the work of the IRS and the FBI, as well as the authorities in Guernsey, the Channel Islands, and Australia. If convicted, MASEFIELD faces a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison on the conspiracy charge, and 3 years in prison for the four charges of subscribing to false tax returns. MASEFIELD also faces a fine of \$250,000 on the conspiracy charge, and \$100,000 on each of the four false subscription charges.

Mr. COMEY said the investigation is continuing.

Assistant United States Attorneys STANLEY J. OKULA, JR., PETER G. NEIMAN, and JOHN P. COLLINS, JR. are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely

accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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